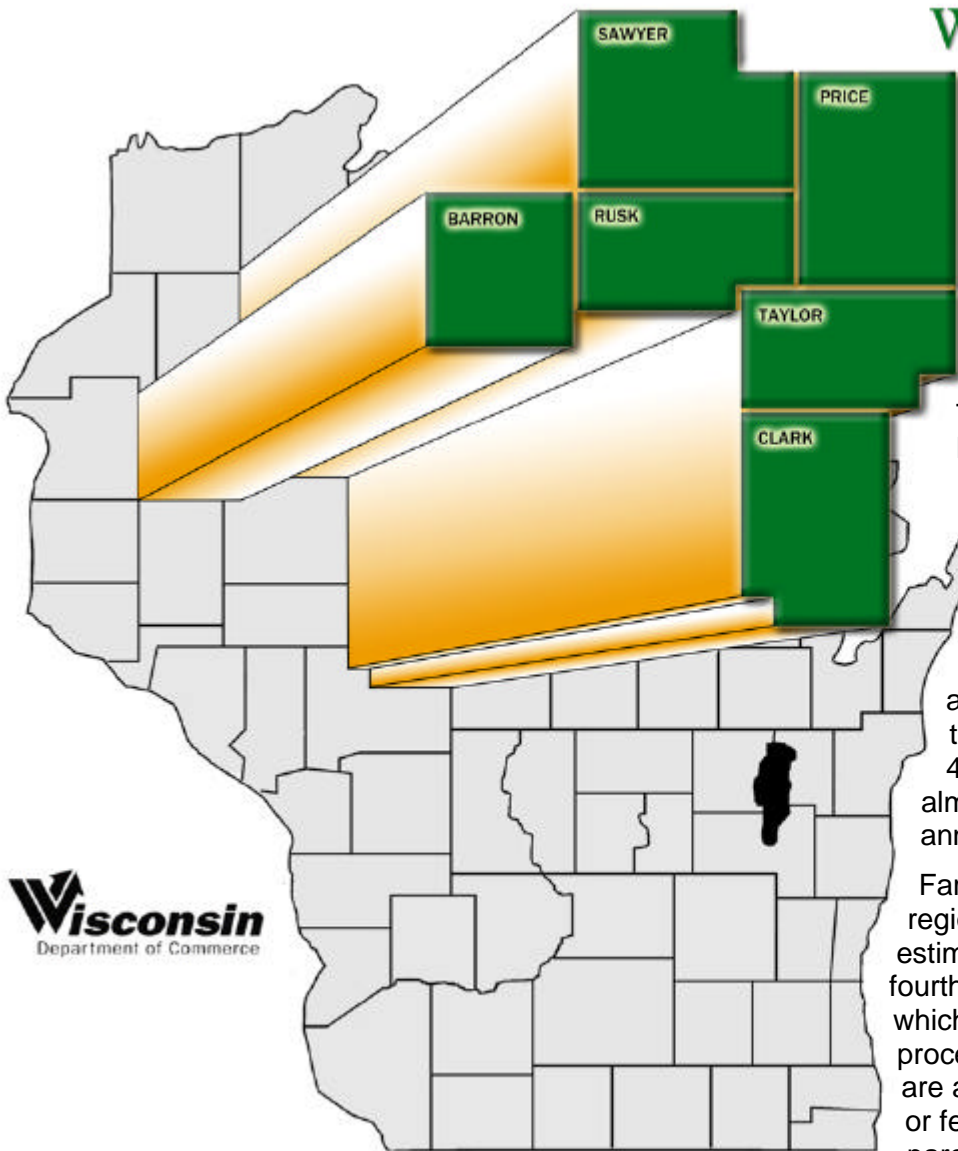


Wisconsin Agricultural Development Zone

North Central Six Region



Regional Make-up

The six counties that make up the North Central Six Region of Wisconsin's Agricultural Development Zone include more than 6,000 farms, representing 8% of Wisconsin's total farms.

The region is led by Clark County and Barron County. Combined, these counties are home to nearly 4,000 farms. Agriculture produces almost \$600 million in revenue annually in the two counties.

Farms employ nearly 10% of the region's workforce. Of the region's estimated 77,570 workers, nearly one-fourth are employed in manufacturing, which includes butter, milk and cheese processing. Large portions of this area are also publicly-owned county, state or federal forests or preservation parcels. As a result, revenue from

recreation is very important, resulting in a high number of employees drawing wages in the retail trade and service industries.

Regional Goals

The North Central Six Region intends to actively pursue traditional ways to support existing operations while exploring new ways to add new production and processing methods to its companies. In the future, it is possible that agribusinesses not currently in operation or native to this part of Wisconsin will realize the importance of clustering with existing agribusinesses, due to the many benefits in locating in this region of Wisconsin.

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